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SUBJECT: SOVIET DELEGATION OF CHILDREN'S WRITERS

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1. GREATLY APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S ADVANCE NOTICE ON UNION OF WRITERS PROPOSAL FOR CHILDREN'S WRITERS DELEGATION, WHICH SOVEMB CULTCOUNSELOR MADE FORMALLY TODAY.

2. WHILE VISIT OF CHILDREN'S WRITERS NOT OUR HIGHEST PRIORITY, WE DO NOT WISH TO IMPEDE FORWARD MOMENTUM CREATED UNDER EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE OVER RECENT MONTHS, NOR TO PREJUDICE POSSIBILITIES FOR EXPANDING EXCHANGES INTO NEW AREAS. WE THEREFORE PREPARED ACCEPT DELEGATION. WE WOULD EXPECT THIS WOULD ENABLE U.S. TO PROPOSE RECIPROCAL VISIT BY AMERICAN WRITERS (NOT NECESSARILY OF CHILDREN'S BOOKS), SHOULD WE FIND THIS OF INTEREST.

3. WE BELIEVE THAT MOST OF DELEGATION'S PROGRAMMING WISHES CAN BE ACCOMODATED, BUT ARE NOT CERTAIN HOW MANY TOP U.S. WRITERS WILL WISH TO MEET WITH THEM. RE CITIES TO BE VISITED, WE BELIEVE THAT SAN FRANCISCO OR LOS ANGELES WOULD BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MORE APPROPRIATE THAN LAS VEGAS AS CENTERS OF CHILDREN'S

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4. IN ORDER TO PROVIDE BEST POSSIBLE PROGRAMMING, WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFO UNION OF WRITERS CAN PROVIDE RE SPECIFIC AMERICANS DELEGATION WOULD LIKE TO MEET AND ANY PERSONAL INTERESTS OF DELEGATION MEMBERS.

5. WE CONCUR WITH EMBASSY SUGGESTION THAT SOVIET DIPLOMATIC POUCH WOULD BE BEST WAY OF SENDING FILMS TO U.S. KISSINGER

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